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SUBJECT: MOODS IN GREEK CYPRUS

1. SUMMARY: TEMPERATURE IN GREEK CYPRUS HAS COOLED OVER PAST WEEK. LOCAL MOODS LACK PARTICULAR FOCUS. MAIN TOPICS OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE ARE: A) MODALITIES FOR FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, B) COMMENTS BY ARCHBISHOP IN SPATE OF PRESS INTERVIEWS, C) ASSORTED ANTI-USG STORIES, D) ECONOMIC REVIVAL. MAKARIOS KEEPING ALIVE ISSUE OF ENOSIST CONSPIRACIES BUT EVIDENCE LACKING. LEVEL OF INTRA-GREEK VIOLENCE SEEMS LOW AND NONPOLITICAL. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. GREEK CYPRIOT MEDIA HAVE DWELT AT LENGTH ON VENUE, TIMING, PARTICIPATION IN RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR BY UNSC RESOLUTION 367.

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THEY CLEARLY WANT QUICK RETURN TO CONFERENCE TABLE,

CENTRAL CONCERN ON GREEK SIDE IS THAT TALKS STAY WITHIN 7, PRUVIEW, RETAIN MAJOR ROLE FOR UNSYG. APPARENT TURK MOVES TO REPLACE DENKTASH WITH CHELIK, JOCKEYING OVER VENUE DRAW HEAVY PRESS FIRE. GOC STRONGLY HINTED IT WOULD REPLACE CLERIDES WITH TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS OR SPYROS KYRPIANOU, IF DENKTASH STEPS ASIDE.

A. MEDIA, GOC OFFICIALS HAVE FOLLOWED MAKARIOS' LEAD IN STRESSING "POSITIVE ELEMENTS" OF RESOLUTION 367. ASSERTION LACKS CONVICTION IN MANY CASES.

B. WIDESPREAD DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RESULTS NEW YORK DEBATE TAKES SEVERAL FORMS RIGHTIST CAMP, IN PARTICULAR GRIVASITE PATRIS AND ESEA POLITICAL GROUP, SHARPLY CRITICAL OF GOC SUCCESS CLAIM. ESEA HAS RAPPED (IN ADDITION TO US, UK) USSR, ARABS, NONALIGNED FOR "LUKEWARM" SUPPORT FOR GOC POSITION. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA, TAKING SLAP AT CLERIDES, HAS ARGUED THAT GOC DELEGATION UNPREPARED, DIVIDED IN VIEWS, TOO SOLICITOUS OF USB POSITION.

3. MAKARIOS INTERVIEWS. ARCHBISHOP HAS RELEASED THREE INTERVIEWS SINCE MARCH 18 (INTERVIEW WITH PERSIAN MEDIA REPORTED NICOSIA 1049).

A. INTERVIEW WITH LONDON'S GREEK-LANGUAGE PAPER, PAROIKIA HARAVGHI, RELEASED MARCH 19, STRESSED TWO THEMES: POSSIBLE TRIP TO MOSCOW, FORTHCOMING PURGE OF "UNREPENTANT" RIGHTISTS WHO ACTING "SUSPICIOUSLY." WE JUDGE THAT TRIP TO MOSCOW NOT IMMINENT. MAKARIOS ADVISOR, ANDREAS AZINAS, TOLD US NOTHING SCHEDULED; HE CONFIRMED THAT GOC HARBORS NO MAJOR EXPECTATIONS OF SOVIET HELP. SIGNIFICANTLY, COMMUNIST HARAVGHI MARCH 21 ASSURED READERS OF FURTHER SOVIET AID "EVEN IF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT MOSCOW FOR TOP-LEVEL TALKS."

B. ARCHBISHOP'S COMMENTS RE PURGE HAVE DRAWN HEAVY BLASTS FROM RIGHTIST CAMP. PATRIS AND ESEA HAVE REBUTTED WITH FORCE, TAKING UP CUDGELS AT SAME TIME AGAINST MAKARIOS' LONG ASSOCIATIONS WITH LYSSARIDES AND AKEL CAMPS. ESEA MARCH 20 ISSUED COMMUNIQUE DENYING CLAIM THAT ENOSIST

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CAMP WORKING AGAINST GOC, ASKING WHETHER GOC USING SUCH CHARGE AS RED HERRING TO DIVERT PUBLIC WRATH FROM ITS INABILITY SOLVE BASIC SOCIAL PROBLEMS. RIGHTIST CAMP HAS ALSO WARNED THAT PRESS TALK OF PURGE IS DESIGNED PREPARE GROUND FOR "ANTI-NATIONAL" SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, OR GOC MOVE AGAINST ENOSITS.

C. PIO MARCH 20 DISCLAIMED AUTHORITY TO COMMENT ON

PURGE ISSUE. PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS CONTINUES TO AGITATE SUBJECT.

D. MAKARIOS' INTERVIEW WITH ATHENIAN EPIKAIRA DEVOTED MAINLY TO ATTACK ON JUNTA.

4. ANTI-USG. WE HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES, NONE OF WHICH HAS SPARKED MAJOR REACTION.

A. TAKING CUE FROM PRESS ARTICLES ON RELEASE OF UK WHITE PAPER, SEVERAL EDITORIALS LEFT AND RIGHT WARN AGAINST NATO PLANS TO TAKE OVER BRITISH SBA'S.

B. INTERVIEW BY EX-CIA AGENT MARCHETTI WITH PARIS JOURNAL HAS BEEN REPLAYED HERE, WITH EMPHASIS ON HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA, SECRETARY KISSINGER WORKED TO REMOVE ARCHBISHOP FROM POWER.

C. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA MARCH 20 TRUMPETED THAT UNDER SECRETARY SISCO HAVE "GREEN LIGHT" TO COUP. SOURCE WAS ARTICLE FROM ATHENIAN POLITIKA THEMATA QUOTING COPU COMMANDER GEORKITZIS TO THIS EFFECT.

D. FILMS TAKEN FROM ARRESTED US AIRMEN ALLEGEDLY DEVELOPED ABROAD, SHOW PICTURES OF NATIONAL GUARD POSITIONS. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON PLAYS STORY CRITICALLY. RIGHTIST PATRIS CITES CASE AS REASON FOR GOC TO DEMAND RECALL OF ALL AMERICANS ON SBA'S.

E. SENATOR KENNEDY'S REMARKS IN ATHENS, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S TELEVISED REMARKS IN NEW YORK, REPLAYED IN MOST PRESS.

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F. OCCASIONAL EDITORIALS, WARN OF NEW CIA PLOTS, ACTIVITY ON ISLAND. ARCHBISHOP QUOTED IN EPIKAIRA INTERVIEW AS SAYING HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW IF HIS NAME APPEARES ON CIA "DEATH LIST".

5. ECONOMIC. GOC'S PLANS TO REACTIVATE INDUSTRY, PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT, REORGANIZE WELFARE PROGRAM PROMINENTLY PLAYED IN PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS. LATEST GOG AID ANNOUNCED WITH MUCH FANFARE (ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL).

6. COMMENT. GENERAL FEELING IS THAT GREEK CYPRUS, FOR MOMENT AT LEAST, GOING THROUGH PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM, WAITING FURTHER EVENTS FROM ABROAD AND FURTHER INITIATIVES FROM ARCHBISHOP. DESPITE PRESS AND MAKARIOS EFFORTS KEEP ALIVE ISSUE OF "INTERNAL FRONT", WE SEE LITTLE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

BY ALL SIGNS, RIGHTIST CAMP IS LETHARGIC, DISPIRITED, INACTIVE.
ESEA HAS LOST SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS; CHURCH DISPUTE
SIMMERING AT LOW LEVEL. POLITICAL VIOLENCE VIRTUALLY
GONE, THOUGH BOMBINGS CONTINUE: DRAMATIC CAR BOMB BLAST
WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF MINAG DIRGEN MICHAELIDES RE-
PORTEDLY DUE TO PERSONAL, NOT REPEAT NOT POLITICALMOTIVE. END
COMMENT. CRAWFORD UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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